

August 22, 2018

Dear Parents and Students of RMAE,

My name is Linda Shea and I'm the new string orchestra director at RMAE! For years I've been a performing musician and music teacher at many different levels, most recently at Summit High School in Breckenridge. I have a Music Education Degree from the University of Denver, a Masters in Music from UNC/Greeley and a Doctorate in Music (DMA) from CU/Boulder. Having recently moved back to the front range to renew my focus on performing, I'm also very excited to return to teaching the younger musicians and will welcome all their wonderful enthusiasm!

On August 29th, we will hold auditions after school so please fill out the form below and sign up for your audition time. Even if you haven't played a string instrument previously but would like to sign up this year, please sign up for a time (with your instrument as well) so we can meet and talk about your musical interests. Students who have played before may play something of their choice such as a solo, scales or an orchestra part from last year.

COST: \$200 for the semester

INSTRUMENTS: NOT provided - students bring their own

REHEARSALS: Mondays & Wednesdays (except school holidays)

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA: Rehearses 3:15 - 4:15 pm

***INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA: Rehearses 3:15 - 5:15 pm *The intermediate orchestra will last two hours this year! Students will be alternating between working on chamber music as well as assisting with the beginners from 3:15 - 4:15. Then they will rehearse as an orchestra from 4:15 - 5:15 pm. Should be fun!!**

Please be sure I have a good email on file for you because I will email music to each student. And the best way to reach me is through my email which is lindasuzanneshea@gmail.com.

Fall Classes will be every Monday and Wednesday starting August 29th with the exception of school holidays or if school is canceled for any reason. I will try to find subs when possible if I'm sick or have to miss for any reason! I would like to put together a phone/text group chat too for emergencies and cancelations only.

The first concert date will be determined soon but will most likely happen mid-December. There will be no rehearsals after the concert until the new semester starts in January.

Thanks and hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Linda Shea